It follows then that cunning ſhould not be oppoſed to wiſdom, little cares to great exertions, nor inſipid ſoftneſs, varniſhed over with the name of gentleneſs, to that fortitude which grand views alone can inſpire.

I ſhall be told that woman would then loſe many of her peculiar graces, and the opinion of a well known poet might be quoted to refute my unqualified aſſertion. For Pope has ſaid, in the name of the whole male ſex,

> ‘ Yet ne’er ſo ſure our paſſion to create,
> ‘ As when ſhe touch’d the brink of all we hate.’

In what light this ſally places men and women, I ſhall leave to the judicious to determine; meanwhile I ſhall content myſelf with obſerving, that I cannot diſcover why, unleſs they are mortal, females ſhould always be degraded by being made ſubſervient to love or luſt.

To ſpeak diſreſpectfully of love is, I know, high treaſon againſt ſentiment and fine feelings; but I wiſh to ſpeak the ſimple language of truth, and rather to addreſs the head than the heart. To endeavour to reaſon love out of the world, would be to out Quixote Cervantes,

vantes, and equally offend againſt common ſenſe; but an endeavour to reſtrain this tumultuous paſſion, and to prove that it ſhould not be allowed to dethrone ſuperior powers, or to uſurp the ſceptre which the underſtanding ſhould ever coolly wield, appears leſs wild.

Youth is the ſeaſon for love in both ſexes; but in thoſe days of thoughtleſs enjoyment proviſion ſhould be made for the more important years of life, when reflection takes place of ſenſation. But Rouſſeau, and moſt of the male writers who have followed his ſteps, have warmly inculcated that the whole tendency of female education ought to be directed to one point:—to render them pleaſing.

Let me reaſon with the ſupporters of this opinion who have any knowledge of human nature, do they imagine that marriage can eradicate the habitude of life? The woman who has only been taught to pleaſe will ſoon find that her charms are oblique ſunbeams, and that they cannot have much effect on her huſband’s heart when they are ſeen every day, when the ſummer is paſſed and gone. Will ſhe then have ſufficient native energy to look into herſelf for comfort, and cultivate